

SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, **MUST** be provided to the **Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building**, within **30 days** after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Susan Collins, make the following

(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Enterprise Institute

Travel date(s): March 11 - 13, 2022

Destination(s): Sea Island, Georgia

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Thomas Daffron

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Senator/Officer:

| | Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|---|---|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate | \$668 (average round trip DCA to JAX of 2.3.22) | \$1,602.00 (\$534/night) | \$290 | Waived Conference Fee for all Speakers: \$16,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount | \$500 estimate ground transportation | | | |

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

| | Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate | \$668 | | \$290 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount | | | | |

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Senator Collins attended many conversations surrounding a number of public policy issues important to today's world. Senator Collins and Mr. Robert Doar, AEI President, for attendees. The conversation focused on many of today's issues, including "The Dignity of Work."

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

4/11/2022
(Date)

Susan M. Collins
(Signature of Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Enterprise Institute
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2. Description of the trip: World Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative policy solutions with real-world impact.
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3. Dates of travel: March 11-13, 2022
4. Place of travel: Sea Island, Georgia
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Addendum
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
- ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
- ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
- ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
- ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AEI organizes the trip and conference and plans the agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on policy issues. AEI is responsible for all logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The World Forum seeks to encourage frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI expects the Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the 39th year of the World Forum. Each Forum, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation. Members from both the House and the Senate regularly attend.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AEI hosts around 250 public events (both virtual and in-person) each year. In addition to distributing other educational materials via online resources, including the AEI website and emails. These products cover a number of topics and seek to encourage the competition of ideas.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

| | Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses |
|--|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts | See Addendum | TOTAL: \$1,602.00 (\$534.00/night) | TOTAL: \$290.00 per person (2 Breakfast, \$42) (2 Lunch, \$48) (2 Dinner, 55) | Waived Conference Fee for All Speakers: \$16,000 |

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The hotel is in close proximity to East Coast and easily accessible by multiple airports.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Cloister at Sea Island

100 Cloister Drive, Sea Island, Georgia 31561

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel is in close proximity to East Coast and easily accessible by multiple airports.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see attached.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Commercial air travel (economy class) will be provided to and from the event, as well ground transport to and from the airport and Sea Island (standard Sedan or SUV pickup).

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Kate Fugate, Senior Event Strategist, Development Events

Name of Organization: American Enterprise Institute

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Telephone Number: (202) 862-5884

Fax Number: N/A

E-mail Address: Kate.Fugate@aei.org

AEI WORLD FORUM, March 10-13, Sea Island, Georgia

ADDENDUM: Question 21:

The lodging cost per day (\$534.00/night) is higher than the per diem rate of the area. Senate participants will be placed in standard rooms. Since this is a large conference, this was the lowest cost and closest to the per diem rate that AEI could secure, given the hotel's prices. The cost of meals (\$42/breakfast, \$48/lunch, \$55/dinner) reflects the catering cost charged to AEI by the hotel. Alcohol is not included. This trip was arranged without regard to congressional participation, and we verify that no special treatment was given to members in either lodging or food.

Question 16 Addendum:

Transportation Expenses:

\$1168 (\$668 airfare*, \$500 round trip for ground transportation - ground transportation is only charged once per couple

*avg. round trip DCA to JAX as of 2.3.2022

\$668 for guest flight (ground transportation listed above)

Question 5 Addendum:

Shelley Moore Capito, Senator, West Virginia

Susan Collins, Senator, Maine

John Cornyn, Senator, Texas

Mitch McConnell, Senator, Kentucky

Rob Portman, Senator, Ohio

Ben Sasse, Senator, Nebraska

Rick Scott, Senator, Florida

Tim Scott, Senator, South Carolina

Friday, March 11th

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Informal Lunch

The Cloister

30 Min Break

Keynote Conversation

The Cloister

1:00–3:15 p.m.

General Session

China

Jim Banks

Ami Bera

Dan Blumenthal

Matt Pottinger

Derek Scissors

Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

The US-China formal diplomatic relationship is creeping up to a half century in age. Rarely has it been so fraught. The two nations are intertwined as never before economically, politically, and militarily. Once, China's predations in the South China Sea, its aggression toward Taiwan, its theft of American intellectual property, and even its takeover of Hong Kong could be glossed over; they were matters of concern but not action. That is no longer the case. Under the Trump administration, trade relations soured over allegations that Beijing manipulated and violated global trading rules. Under the Biden administration, the trading relationship has not improved (though trade and investment have continued to soar), and Congress has ensured that sanctions are now in place

for what two secretaries of state have labeled the ongoing genocide against China's Muslim Uyghurs. Is there an endgame between the US and China? How about a strategy? And what exactly is it that strategy?

15 Min Break

Executive Time or Participation in Taiwan War Game

3:30–5:30 p.m.

Taiwan War Game

The Cloister

Join AEI's Foreign and Defense Policy Studies scholars for a war game, modeled after Pentagon strategy sessions, and learn about the department's research on how the US can counter China. You will play as a US or allied leader and make decisions as a crisis unfolds in the Taiwan Strait. Will you be able to contain the crisis, or will China take the island?

5:30–6:00 p.m.

Reception

6:00–6:45 p.m.

Dinner Conversation

The Cloister

Governing in Divided Times

Elise Stefanik

Patrick McHenry

Yuval Levin (Moderator)

The Cloister

If Republicans regain one or both chambers of Congress in 2023, control of Congress and the presidency will be divided for the fifth time in the 21st century. If control changes hands, how would a divided Congress relate to President Joe Biden, and what space would there be for policymaking on the country's toughest challenges?

15 Min Break

The Cloister

8:30–9:30 p.m.

Dinner

Starlight Chats

A Conversation with Tim Scott**Our Age of Decadence**

Ross Douthat

Yuval Levin (Introduction)

Saturday, March 12

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

The Cloister

Why Does Racial Inequality Persist?

Glenn C. Loury

Ryan Streeter (Introduction)

The Future of Conservative Journalism

Jonah Goldberg

Ramesh Ponnuru

Matthew Continetti (Moderator)

15 Min Break

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

America's Pandemic Response: Lessons and Challenges

Scott Gottlieb

Asa Hutchinson

Joseph A. Ladapo

James Taranto (Moderator)

America's response to COVID-19 has raised far more questions than it has answered. How can we hasten the return to normalcy? How can we prevent the next pandemic and protect our way of life from dramatic changes? How should policymakers navigate the relationship between public health and economic well-being? And is there a place for mandates and restrictive public health measures in a free society? Join former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo, and moderator James Taranto of the *Wall Street Journal* as they look for answers.

Can the US Defend Taiwan?

Hal Brands

Klon Kitchen

Oriana Skylar Mastro

Rick Scott

Kori Schake (Moderator)

China has been unwavering in insisting on reunification with Taiwan, although the Taiwanese increasingly view themselves as Taiwanese rather than Chinese. China has modernized its military, prioritizing capabilities to threaten Taiwan's independence. Does China pose a near-term military threat to Taiwan? Could it subvert Taiwan without fighting? Leading AEI scholars will share their research on the threats China poses.

Leaving No Man Behind: The American Patriots Rescuing US Citizens and Allies We Abandoned in Afghanistan

Elliot Ackerman
Mike Edwards
Michael Waltz
Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)

While the Biden administration is heralding its August pull-out from Afghanistan as an "extraordinary success," America's tumultuous retreat has sparked outrage and shame in the United States and abroad. Amid a hasty and calamitous military evacuation, a terror attack carried out by the Islamic State-Khorasan at Kabul's international airport on August 26, 2021, resulted in the deaths of an estimated 170 Afghans and 13 US service members. Moreover, despite President Joe Biden's vow to leave no man behind, when the last American plane departed Kabul, hundreds of American citizens and as many as 62,000 of our Afghan allies were left stranded and at the mercy of the Taliban. In the face of government inaction, a handful of individuals dedicated themselves to raising awareness and getting those we abandoned out of Afghanistan. Join AEI Senior Fellow Marc A. Thiessen as he hosts Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL), founder of Project Exodus Relief and former Army Special Operations Officer Mike Edwards, and author and former Marine Elliot Ackerman for a discussion on their past and ongoing efforts to rescue the American citizens and Afghan allies left behind during the US withdrawal from Afghanistan.

15 Min Break

10:30–11:45 a.m.

Morning Conversation **A Conversation with Michael Burns**

Ross Douthat (Moderator)

The Cloister

Michael Burns, vice chairman of Lionsgate, has been a prominent Hollywood executive for two decades. Leading the company responsible for such hit films as *The Hunger Games*, *John Wick*, and the *Twilight* franchise and television hits such as *Mad Men* and *Orange Is the New Black*, among many others, he is also one of the few right-of-center voices in the industry. Mr. Burns and AEI Nonresident Fellow Ross Douthat will discuss the state of the movie business, politics and Hollywood, and much more.

15 Min Break

12:00–1:45 p.m.

15 Min Break

2:00–3:15 p.m.

Lunch Conversation **A Conversation with Mitch McConnell**

Breakout Sessions **Alternative Approaches to Poverty**

Robert Doar
Glenn C. Loury
Ian Rowe
Scott Winship
Naomi Schaefer Riley (Moderator)

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Progressive politicians and experts often identify racial discrimination and material deprivation as the primary causes of poverty in America. Conservatives believe the issue is more complicated and that issues such as family formation, employment, substance abuse, and neighborhood safety are more important. But what are the solutions to those issues? And how big of a role should government efforts play in addressing them? Panelists will share their insights around alternative solutions to the challenges of poverty and inequality. Professor Glenn C. Loury of Brown University and AEI's Ian Rowe will also offer their perspectives on race and inequality—a preview of the conference they are organizing in Dallas this May.

Does the Biden Economic Agenda Have a Future?

Ami Bera
John Cornyn
Brian Deese
R. Glenn Hubbard
Patrick McHenry
Michael R. Strain
Alex Brill (Moderator)

President Joe Biden's Build Back Better (BBB) initiative collapsed. But the White House and congressional Democrats remain committed to advancing an economic and social policy agenda. What are the prospects for major legislation? What would a BBB 2.0 include? And how would Democrats' policy goals affect the economy, workers, and households?

How Do We Teach Contested American History?

Wilfred M. McClay
 Diana Schaub
 Ben Sasse
 Yuval Levin (Moderator)

History and civic education are essential to national unity, but as we have seen in recent years, they are also inherently controversial subjects. In deciding how to teach the rising generation about both the highs and the lows of our society's past, we are forced to ask who we are as a nation and who we aim to be. How should historians, teachers, parents, and citizens approach the resulting challenges? How can we avoid both whitewashing our greatest national failings and diminishing our country's greatest achievements?

Stressing Institutions: The White House and the Justice Department After the 2020 Election

Jeffrey A. Rosen
 Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)

During President Donald Trump's last month in office, he continued to repeat claims of widespread election fraud, both publicly and privately, including to cabinet officials. At the Department of Justice (DOJ), Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen faced persistent inquiries from the president, but the department maintained its proper role and held fast to the rule of law. What really happened? What is the DOJ's proper role? Why did the system work in this instance? And how can we move on with a renewed commitment to the Constitution?

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| 4:00–4:45 p.m. | Executive Time | The Cloister | |
| 4:45–5:45 p.m. | Reception | The Cloister | |
| 15 Min Break | Keynote Lecture | The Cloister | |
| 5:45–7:00 p.m. | A Conversation with Susan Collins | | |
| 15 Min Break | Robert Doar (Moderator) | | Senator Susan Collins, in conversation with AEI President Robert Doar, will discuss the current domestic policy issues facing the United States Senate. |
| 7:15–8:45 p.m. | Dinner | The Beach Club | |
| 15 Min Break | Starlight Chat | The Cloister | |
| 9:00–10:00 p.m. | Welcome to the Intellectual Wet Market | | |
| | Jonah Goldberg | | |
| | A Conversation with Nicholas Eberstadt | | |
| | Robert Doar (Moderator) | | |

Sunday, March 13

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| 8:00–10:00 a.m. | Early Bird Breakfast | The Cloister | |
| | The State of the Climate | | |
| | Steven E. Koonin Shelley Moore Capito Ryan Streeter (Moderator) | | Steve Koonin is a world-renowned physicist and bestselling author of <i>Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn't, and Why It Matters</i> (2021), which lays out the science of climate change in ways rarely covered in the media. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) is the highest-ranking Republican on climate policy in the US Senate. This session will explore the state of the science on climate change and what commonsense policies should look like. |
| | How Conservatives Changed the World—and How They Can Do It Again | | |
| | Matthew Continetti | | AEI Senior Fellow Matthew Continetti will offer a sweeping account of conservatism's evolution, from the Progressive Era through the present. Drawing out the tensions between the desire for mainstream acceptance and the pull of ideological purity, Continetti argues that the more one studies conservatism's past, the more one can make sense of its present and its future. |

Senator Susan Collins and Husband Thomas Daffron

Arrival Flight:

- **Friday, March 11th – DCA - JAX**
- **8:40 AM – 10:51 AM**
- **American 5304**

Departure Flight:

- **Sunday, March 13th - JAX – DCA**
- **12:21 PM – 2:15 PM**
- **American Airlines 5445**